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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was in a full range, best for active ads and first of the month business, and also in parts of the Midwest blanketed with snow. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good for midweek trading. Breast items were in good balance to tight and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat was adequate to closely balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to **78.50** based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.25 cents last year on February 7, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

	DOC	JK PRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER	POUND)
LINE RUN TENDE	ERS	164.50
BREASTS - B/S		141.50
BREASTS - WHO	LE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/	/S	119.00
LEG QUARTERS		43.00
WINGS		122.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to moderate with slightly better interest for ads and first of the month business. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were no more than adequate to tight and moving well. Dark meat was available to about adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to instances good. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for current needs. Retail and distributive was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items, and tenders were in close balance to short with good movement. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for immediate needs.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offers remained very limited on a cautious to fair trade inquiry. Delivered price on fill-in 3 up wogs noted at 69 cents. Retail movement was mixed, light to good, best for features and areas affected by winter storms. Food service demand was moderate overall; several in trade noted a slowdown and lighter orders, although fast food was fairly good. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to light. Parts trade was good on front half cuts, although wings were slowing and dark meat items were seeing light to fair interest. Supplies of wings and breast cuts were tight and adequate to close on other parts. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and breast cuts; steady on the balance of parts.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was generally firm. Offerings, although moved into closer balance, was adequate overall. Buying activity was fair and buyers cautious. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks were adequate to cover current interest. The market tone remained the same on parts, generally steady on dark meat items and fully steady to firm on white meat items

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 2, 2008. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through February 2, 2008 were 892 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/02/08 2008 2007 PREVIOUS YEAR EGGS SET 219,038 211,617 +04 CHICKS PLACED 176,282 171,953 +03 Source: NASS. USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Mar-08 is estimated at 163.5 million head. This compares to 165.1 million head the previous week and to 161.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.02 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS). TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

FEB 05, 2008	POUNDS			WTD	FEB 06, 2008	POUNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	595	133.00-194.00	-	138.79	BREAST - B/S	610	138.00-195.00	-	143.08
TENDERLOINS	226	124.00-190.00	-	132.70	TENDERLOINS	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	N TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		FRONT HALVES	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEGS	155	53.00-65.00	55-58	57.32	LEGS	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEG QUARTERS (BU	ILK) 490	38.00-42.00	39	39.18	LEG QUARTERS (B	ULK) 435	37.00-42.00	39	39.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/1	0) 792	39.00-46.00	41-42	41.37	LEG QUARTERS (4/	[′] 10) 934	38.00-45.00	41-42	41.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	120.00-124.00	-	121.03	WINGS (WHOLE)	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
WINGS (CUT)	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		WINGS (CUT)	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO REPO	ORT		DRUMSTICKS	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		THIGHS	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
B/S THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT		B/S THIGHS	TO	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
WHOLE BODY INDEX	X BASED C	N SOUTHERN ST	ATES PAI	RTS	WHOLE BODY INDE	X BASED O	N SOUTHERN ST	TATES PAI	RTS
TRADING FOR FEB (05, 2008 1	F.O.B. DOCK.			TRADING FOR FEB	06, 2008 F	F.O.B. DOCK.		
RANGE 7	TODAY'S A	VERAGE			RANGE	TODAY'S A	VERAGE	5-DAY AV	ERAGE
51.00 - 55.50		52.99			50.00 - 56.00		52.78		52.79
The Index is inter	ided solely as	s an indicator of value	es for comm	nodity-type i	product and does not repre	esent industry's	s willingness to sell o	or ability to b	UV.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u> Trucklot buying interest was fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were in close balance to short with good movement. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, wings and tenders; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS

FEB 05, 2008 ITEM NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	FEB 06, 2008 ITEM NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	141.89	505,402	BREAST - B/S	155	139.94	435,100
TENDERLOINS	125-130	116.56	179,620	TENDERLOINS	130	120.76	134,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	85.42	111,160	BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	88.78	41,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.78	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	82.50	86,400
LEGS	60-61	58.02	151,080	LEGS	60-61	58.07	218,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.99	229,000	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.89	199,400
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	60.18	80,960	DRUMSTICKS	52-53	59.99	59,800
THIGHS	55-56	62.50	101,560	THIGHS	55-56	62.61	59,840
B/S THIGHS	117-118	120.03	137,600	B/S THIGHS	117-118	118.90	61,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	125-126	129.30	148,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	125-126	128.64	140,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP	PED) 10-12	11.62	19,560	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPF	PED) 10-12	11.22	22,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.76	11,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.94	8,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	45.83	34,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.84	18,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER O	OF RROIL FR-FRYFRS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) P	ROCESSED
ESTIMATED	ACTUAL AVG WTS	ACTUAL AVG	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000) WTS	FRESH FRYERS	97-104
02/06 02/05		01/30 01/28	ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
Alabama 4,233 4,297	,,	-,	HENS UNDER 5#	
Arkansas 4,041 5,316	6 5,151 4,974 5.43 5.51	5,183 5.50	HENS OVER 5#	67-78
Delmarva 2,204 2,276	6 2,164 2,236 5.86 5.65	2,234 5.91	DUCKS	0 0
KY-LA-TN 2,415 2,407	7 2,453 2,630 5.12 4.83	2,440 5.17	RABBITS-WHOLE	
Mississippi 2,684 2,941	1 2,834 3,660 5.89 5.36	3,077 5.73	RABBITS-CUT UP	
North Carolina 2,908 2,879	9 2,430 2,812 6.88 7.04	2,749 6.90	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTI	RY
Texas 2,520 2,516	6 2,486 2,545 5.55 5.30	2,542 5.47	DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND IN	
Total 21,005 22,632	2 21,636 22,746 5.69 5.54	22,112 5.72	BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER ICE PAC	
Mon-Wed 65,835 (A)		65,888 (A)	DRY PAC	
(A) Weekly cumulative for s	states listed above. Broiler-fryer	slaughter under	ROASTERS 4# & UP ICE PAC	K 130
	-08 is estimated to be 31,426,000		DRY PAC	K 110
	up 4.85 percent from a year ago.		HENS OVER 5# ICE PAC	K 109
(Last week 33,181,000, last ye			DRY PAC	K 105
(2001 110011 00, 101,000, 1001)	20,010,000		DUCKS	204-207

^{*} TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

Class

Total

Broiler/fryer

Light hens

Heavy hens

ESTIMATED U.S.	LIVE F	POULTRY	SLAU	IGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL I	NSPEC.	TION FOR	WEEK	ENDING

L INSPECTION FOR WEEK	K ENDING 09-Feb-08
CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
02/09/08 (1)	02/02/08

8 ----- Thousand head -----166,284(2) 166,019 1,235 1,486 1.518 1.571 169.090 169.023

(1)ESTIMATED 2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Feb-08 is 167.7 million head compared to 159.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 1.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Feb-08 the estimated available is 167.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	SSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 02/04/08	76,752	85,719
AM 01/01/08	43,384	81,194
CHG	33,368	4,525
PCT CHG	77	6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEYS

	02/04/08	01/28/08	02/05/07	02/04/08	01/28/08	02/05/07
PACIFIC	;					
COAST	3,033	3,518	1,797	8,299	8,267	8,671
LOS						
ANGFLE	S 116	116	197	1 498	1 418	2 373

PROCESSED POULTRY

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS.U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE. 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008

RANGE HENS ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX) 73-81 VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX) 71-94

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HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 02/05/08 AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY LOW HIGH AVG LOW HIGH AVG HEAVY FOWL lb. .50 .55 .52 HEAVY FOWL ea.

- LIGHT FOWL ea.

- GOSLINGS ea.

- TURKEY POULTS ea. -

MIXED FOWL lb. 1.00 - MIXED FOWL ea. 2.25 BANTAMS lb. - BANTAMS ea. BROILERS lb. - BROILERS ea. ROASTERS lb. - ROASTERS ea. FRYERS lb. - FRYERS ea. CHICKS lb. - CHICKS ea. PULLETS lb. - PULLETS ea. BUNNIES lb. - BUNNIES ea. ROOSTERS lb. 1.30 1.40 1.33 ROOSTERS ea. GEESE lb. GEESE ea. TURKEYS lb. - TURKEYS ea. - DUCKS ea. DUCKS lb.

RABBITS lb. 1.50 1.80 1.67 RABBITS ea. PIGEONS lb. - PIGEONS ea. 2.50 3.25 GUINEA FOWL lb. - GUINEA FOWL ea. DUCKLINGS lb. - DUCKLINGS ea. - CALL DUCKS ea. GUINEA KEETS ea. -

CHUKARS ea. TOTAL COOPS 157

SILKIES ea.

GUINEA PIGS ea.

LIGHT FOWL lb.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 1, 2008

Who Chio			Legs N /Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	72.64	167.96	92.38	16.80	8.40	67.19
High	81.04	176.36	104.98	21.00	12.60	67.19
Mostly	72.64	172.16	100.78	21.00	8.40	67.19
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SAN JUA		407.00	00.50	40.00	4.00	CO 00
Low	71.39	167.96	96.58		4.20	62.99
High	80.62	180.56	104.98		8.40	62.99
Mostly	71.39	176.36	100.78	16.80	8.40	62.99
NEW SA	NAUL N.					
Low	73.06	167.96	100.78	16.80	8.40	67.19
High	81.46	180.56	113.38	21.00	12.60	67.19
Mostly	73.06	176.36	109.18	21.00	12.60	67.19
BECER						
Low	73.90	172.16	104.98	16.80	8.40	71.39
High	82.72	184.76	117.58	25.19	12.60	71.39
Mostly	73.90	180.56	113.38	21.00	12.60	71.39

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly good for midweek trading. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate: weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cents higher at 74 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and wings continued balanced to tight. Most dark meat cuts are generally adequate.

BRANDED

U.S. GRADE
68-89
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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